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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

1. MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS ARE PROCEEDING WITH SURPRISING CALM AND INDESCRIBABLE CONFUSION. MOST FOREIGN DIGNITARIES ARRIVING THIS MORNING (FOR EXAMPLE, UK MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ENNALS) WERE STRANDED AT THE AIRPORT WITHOUT ESCORT, WITHOUT HOTEL ROOMS ASSIGNED AND WITHOUT INVITATIONS TO ACTIVITIES. SAME THING HAPPENDED TO CODEL CONGRESSMAN DIGGS WHO, UNDERSTANDABLY FRUSTRATED, WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUTTERING ABOUT LEAVING. FORTUNATELY WE WERE ABLE TO GET HIM

INSTALLED AT THE POLANA HOTEL AND FIND HIS GUIDE AND INTER-
PRETER.

2. MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS INCLUDE: CEREMONY OF PROCLAMATION OF
INDEPENDENCE BEGINNING AT 2200 JUNE 24 AND CULMINATING IN THE
LOWERING OF THE PORTUGUESE FLAG AT 2400 AND THE RAISING OF
THE MOZAMBIQUE FLAG AT "00.00 HOURS" JULY 25; SWEARING IN
CEREMONY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AT 0915 ON JUNE 25;
PARADE AT 1330 AND STATE BANQUET AT 2030.

3. FRELIMO TROOPS AND POLICE IN NEW UNIFORMS ARE MUCH IN
EVIDENCE SPIRIT OF PEOPLE AT THE MOMENT IS ONE OF PURE EN-
THUSIASM, THUS FAR WITH NO RACIAL OVERTONES. SMALL GROUP OF
LEFTIST MILITANTS GATHERED DOWN THE STREET FROM MY RESIDENCE
TO CHEER ARRIVAL OF PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES, ALVARO
CUNHAL, MARIO SOARES AND, WE BELIEVE, MELO ANTUNES.

4. COMMUNICATIONS BOTH WITHIN THE CITY AND TO OUTSIDE WORLD
(OTHER THAN BY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WHO ALWAYS FIND A WAY)
ARE STRAINED TO MAXIMUM AND LIKELY TO BREAK DOWN AT ANY TIME.
WALKER

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